

Department of Correction
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Judiciary Committee
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Raised Bill No. 366, *An Act Concerning the Administrator of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision*

Raised Bill No. 366, *An Act Concerning the Administrator of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS)* would remove the statutory requirement that the Commissioner of Correction serve as the administrator of the Interstate Compact for Adult Supervision (ICAOS) and allow for the appointment of Connecticut's compact administrator in accordance with section 54-133 of the general statutes.

Section 54-133 of the general statutes requires that either the State Council or the Governor, in consultation with the legislature and the judiciary, appoint a State Compact Administrator. The State Council by statute must include at least one representative of the legislative, judicial and executive branches, victims groups and compact administrators.

While I, as the Commissioner of Correction, have responsibility for the community supervision of all parolees, that are part of the compact population, the Judicial Branch has the greater number of ICAOS cases through its probation population. Currently, the most that I do as the Compact Administrator is to chair the meetings. Neither I nor my staff has the working knowledge of ICAOS rules and the day-to-day operations that the Deputy Compact Administrators and their staff do, but I am responsible for voting on rules that supersede federal law. Making the appointment of the Compact Administrator subject to vote by the State Council would allow for the flexibility needed to adapt to changes as they are made by the legislature or by changes in the offender population.

At an October 28, 2011 meeting of the State Council, the members unanimously voted to support this proposed change. I urge your favorable report on Raised bill No. 366.